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HAS MIXED MACKEREL.

Little Sch. Lillian at Newport Again Today.

CAPT. MORGAN STILL DRIVING.

One of Three at Boston Today with Big Fresh Fare.

Capt. Thaddeus Morgan of sch. Constellation must have a licence to catch everything in sight. There appears to be no abatement to his winning gait, for yesterday he arrived at Boston again with a fare of 25,000 fresh mackerel in count, his fifth trip larded from Georges since July 7, a record never approached. The fish are selling today at 14 cents each, which will give him a stock of \$3,500, making his stock for the season thus far about \$34,000. On this last trip the vessel was gone from here but five days. The fish were taken on the southwest part of Georges and 60 sail of the seining fleet were there. Also in Boston this morning is sch. Ingomar, Capt. Wallace Parsons, with a dandy trip of 25,000 fresh mackerel in count. Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, Capt. Cahoon, is also there with 17,000 fresh mackerel in count and from reports received, sch. Bertha and Pearl, Capt. Joseph Smith, is soon expected with a good trip.

Sch. Norma, Capt. Benjamin McGrey which arrived from Georges yesterday with a fare of salt mackerel, reported that sch. Constellation and also sch. Bertha and Pearl got line hauls on the southwest part of Georges on Thursday night just at sundown and that two other vessels also got small hauls.

Sch. Miranda, Capt. Edward Morris, arrived here Saturday afternoon from the Rips with a big fare 330 barrels of salt mackerel. The vessel had 9000 fresh mackerel in count but as he did not have ice enough to keep them in good shape they had to be split after reaching port. The fare was taken 75 miles south southeast of Highland light.

Capt. Cahoon of sch. Thomas J. Carroll, which arrived at Boston today as above stated, reports getting his fine fare in South Channel and that schs. Shenandoah and Priscilla Smith were there, the former securing two schools.

A special to the TIMES from its Newport correspondent this morning says that sch. Lillian, Capt. John Barrett, of this port, arrived there this morning with 30 barrels of mixed mackerel. Capt. Barrett reports plenty of tinkers out there and no seluers there. This is the trip Capt. Barrett has landed with in a week at Newport. On his last trip, on Friday, he had 25 barrels of tinker mackerel.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, Capt. Douglass McLean, stocked \$3280 on her recent seining trip, the crew sharing \$80.

The fares of schs. Norma, Miranda and Vera sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Co. at \$14.50 per barrel.

The fare of sch. Electric Flash sold to Fred. Bradley at the same figure.

Mackerel of large size were reported in the nets at Liverpool, N. S., Friday morning.

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DOG FISH TEST.

Three Trawls Showed Ten Per Cent. of Fish Destroyed.

Damage Resulted to One-Third of Total Receipts.

Representative Edwin C. McIntire employed two fishermen to make a practical demonstration of the damage done in the shore fisheries by the depredations of the dogfish by having the men keep a record of the results of setting six tubs of trawls in the bay on Friday last. The men commenced their work at 2 o'clock Friday morning, when they started for Magnolia to secure their bait, and completed the setting of their trawls, which were located in the vicinity of Baker's Island, extending a distance of several miles, about 1 o'clock in the afternoon. They started for their trawls early Saturday morning, commencing the picking of the trawls about 6 o'clock, the actual time employed in baiting, setting and hauling the results being about 26 hours for two men.

The total number of hooks baited and set was 2600, and of this number 60 hooks were missing when the trawls were hauled, being presumably lost by fish tearing them away after being hooked, while the results from the remaining 2460 hooks were as follows: Hooks having food fish, 131; hooks having food fish destroyed, 13; hooks having monkfish, 7; hooks having skates, 65; hooks having small dogfish, 238; hooks having large dogfish, 74; dogfish lost in hauling in, 9; food fish lost in hauling in, 3; hooks having bait untouched, 100; hooks from which the bait had been removed, 1900; hooks lost, 60.

The weight of the food fish taken was 780 pounds, which at 70 cents per hundred weight amounted to \$6.24, or an average of four and 100-131 cents each, and estimating the food fish destroyed at the same average price, the value of the latter was 62 cents or ten per cent of the value of food fish secured.

The damage caused by the dogfish in addition to the loss of the food fish included 60 hooks lost, 14 cents, 60 gangings lost, 14 cents, 85 hooks broken in removing dogfish, etc., 18 cents, 85 gangings parted, 18 cents, and 2350 baits consumed or destroyed by dogfish, \$1.50, a total of \$2.20, while the 74 large dogfish yielded two and a half buckets of oil, which sold at 25 cents per bucket, bringing 63 cents.

The large dogfish weighed from one and a half to two and a half pounds each, and were 35 to 40 inches in length, and the small dogfish from one and a half to two and a half pounds each, measuring 15 to 19 inches. The large dogfish were female fish, depositing young, and their stomachs contained an occasional piece of bait or food fish.

Drove Sword Through Dory.

The crew of sch. Wesley W. Sinnott, which arrived at Boston yesterday, tell of an exciting battle during the trip with a monster swordfish, which rammed one of the dories, driving its sword through the hull of the craft.

One of the men named Wildes was out in his dory while the schooner was off Block Island. He had thrown his "iron" securely into the fish, when the maddened animal turned and put up a savage fight. In a furious onslaught the swordfish drove its sword through the boat close to where the fisherman was standing. The sword passed clean through the two-inch plank. Wildes had to use a heavy board to push the snout of the fish out of the boat.

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BIGGEST ON RECORD.

Large Catches of Herring Continue Around Yarmouth.

Large catches of herring continue to be made about Yarmouth, N. S. Nothing like it has been known in the history of the fisheries in that locality.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. Mary E. Silveria, via Boston, 95,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston, 85,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Waldo L. Stream, Georges, 110,000 lbs. fresh fish, 4000 lbs. salt fish, 6000 lbs. halibut.
- Sch. Etta Mildred, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, via Boston, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Cecil H. Low, Georges, 16,000 lbs. cod, 500 lbs. halibut.
- Sch. Constellation, via Boston.
- Sch. J. W. Bradley, South Channel, 2500 fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Appomatox, Rips, 25,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Jubilee, Rips, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. A. T. Gifford, Georges.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. F. W. Homans, seining.
- Sch. Ralph Russell, seining.
- Sch. Volant, Rips.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

- Salt fish, handline Georges cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.25 for large, \$3.50 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$3.62 1-2 for large, \$3.37 1-2 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.
- Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium cod, \$1.62 1-2; all cod caught to the eastward of LaHave bank, \$1.87 1-2; medium \$1.50 cusk, \$1.62 1-2; Eastern haddock, \$1.05; Western haddock, \$1.15; hake, \$1.00; pollock, 75c; snapper codfish, 60 cts.; snapper cusk, 60 cts.
- Rips cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for mediums and \$2.25 for snappers.
- Fresh mackerel, 14 cts. each.
- Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$10.62 1-2 per bbl.
- Outside sales fresh hake, \$1.05.
- Fresh Georges cusk, \$1.67 1-2.
- Bank halibut, 5 cts. per lb. right through.
- Georges halibut, 8 1-2 cts. per lb. for white and 6 1-2 cts. per lb. for gray.
- Georges salt mackerel, plain \$14.50 per bbl.

Boston.

- Sch. Smuggler, 12,000 fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Norumbega, 10,000 fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Agnes E. Downes, 13,000 fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Charles W. Parker, 82 swordfish.
- Sch. Frances M. Silva, 30,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.
- Sch. William A. Morse, 20,000 haddock, 23,000 cod.
- Sch. Mystery, 2000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 2000 pollock.
- Sch. Briganzi, 2000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 2000 pollock.
- Sch. Fanny W. Freeman, 28,000 haddock, 10,500 cod.
- Sch. Wm. H. Rider, 2500 haddock, 14,000 cod, 3000 pollock.
- Haddock, \$1.50; large cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50; market cod, \$1.75; pollock, 80 cts. to \$1; hake, \$1 to \$1.50; cusk, \$1.75; swordfish, 4 1-2 cts.; mackerel, 15 1 4 cts.

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FOUR MORE TRIPS.

Fresh Mackerel Are Still Arriving Daily at Boston.

Fish Were Taken 120 Miles Southeast of Highland Light.

There are four more arrivals at Boston this morning with fresh mackerel:

Sch. Smuggler, Capt. Jerry Cook, 12,000 fresh mackerel in count.

Sch. Agnes E. Downes, Capt. Edward McLean, 14,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Bertha and Pearl, Capt. Joseph Smith, 12,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Norumbega, Capt. John McKinnon, 14,000 fresh mackerel.

The fish are selling at 15 1-4 cents each.

The fares were taken 120 miles southeast of Highland light.

Sch. Norma, Capt. Benjamin McGray, stocked \$5000 on her recent mackerel trip, the crew sharing \$119.

Capt. Wallace Parsons of the Ingomar, which arrived at Boston yesterday, would have brought in at least 200 more barrels of the speckled beauties only that sharks had worked under his seine and bitten large pieces out, letting a portion of the 600 barrels run out. The bunch was caught in one set of the seine, and had it not been for the assistance from the crew of the Manomet, which was close by at the time, he would have been unable to save what he got.

Sch. J. W. Bradley, Capt. William Foley, arrived here yesterday afternoon from South Channel with 2500 fresh mackerel which sold to W. E. Dennett at 14 cts. each.

LOBSTERS PLENTIFUL.

So Sayeth Chairman Bowers of U. S. Fish Commission.

The perennial story that the lobster is becoming extinct was denounced as false by Chairman Bowers of the U. S. fish commission. Bowers is engaged in preparing his annual report.

He said it would show, among other things that 105,000,000 lobsters have been planted by the commission during the fiscal year ended June 30, mostly on the coast of Maine.

Bowers added that lobsters were never more plenty than they are now, although dealers and swell restaurants continue to exact fancy prices for them from the long suffering public.

As an evidence of the truth of what he said, Bowers said that early this month he purchased four dozen lobsters for \$3.50 at Squirrel Island, Me.; where he was taking a holiday.

RAMMED BY SWORDFISH.

Big Fish Plunges Sword Through Planking of Sloop Defender.

Sloop Defender of this port, which arrived at Boston yesterday carried in her bow the sword of a swordfish two feet long. While out Sunday the Defender was struck by a giant swordfish which buried his sword in the planking of her bow. The fish struggled so fiercely to escape from the planking that it smashed its head, killing itself. The fish was brought to port on the Defender. The skipper said the struggles of the animal rocked the boat to such an extent that he was afraid she would be capsized.

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MORE MACKEREL AT BOSTON.

Schs. Monitor and Shenandoah There This Afternoon.

Sch. Shenandoah, Capt. James C. Gannon, arrived at Boston this afternoon with 15,000 fresh mackerel. Sch. Monitor, Capt. Benjamin Spurling, also arrived there this afternoon with 8000 fresh mackerel in count.

To Start Fishing Again.

Interest in fishing has been revived in Salem, and a company has been formed by French-Americans to engage in the fishing industry. It proposes to buy vessels, and to fit them out for fishing. Salem was once a prosperous fishing town, as was Beverly, but in recent years, interest in the industry has been on the decline. Joseph F. Hudon is president of the new company.

Not Salt Mackerel but Salt Cod.

Our Today's Receipts column yesterday made the salt bank schs. Madonna and Judique with 200,000 and 240,000 pounds respectively of salt mackerel. It should have read salt cod-fish in each case.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of halibut of sch. Waldo L. Stream sold to the New England Fish Co. at 8 1-2 and 6 1-2 cents per pound for white and gray.

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BIG BANK STOCK.

Schs. Essex and Senator Gardner Make Big Returns.

Sch. Essex, Capt. Leroy Spinney, weighed off 275,000 pounds of salt cod as the result of her recent salt bank trip, making the splendid stock of \$9083, the crew making the fine share of \$288.98. This is the third largest salt bank trip and stock of the season and the share is a remarkably good one. Capt. Spinney is one of the younger salt bank skippers but since he has been going, has made for himself a record which is most creditable to his ability and judgment as a hustling master manner and which puts him well to the front.

Sch. Senator Gardner, Capt. Vincent Nelson, stocked \$8200 as the result of her recent salt bank trip, the crew sharing \$240. Capt. Nelson is one of the standbys of the fleet who year after year always does well and always keeps in the front rank.

Sch. Metamora, Capt. John Robbins, stocked \$2100 on her recent shack trip, the crew sharing \$44.78.

Maiden Trip.

The new sch. Conqueror, Capt. Robinson Griffin, arrived yesterday afternoon from her maiden trip shacking with a good fare, 80,000 pounds of fresh fish. She was only gone a short time.

Dogfish Plentiful at Causo.

The Dominion Fish Bureau of Saturday reports dogfish very plentiful at Causo, N. S.]

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GRAZED BY STEAMER

Sch. Diana Nearly Cut Down by Ocean Liner.

SCHOONER BECALMED IN FOG

La Lorraine Changed Course But Struck Bowsprit in Passing.

Sch. Diana of this port, Capt. James McLean, came within almost a hair's breadth of being cut in twain by the great ocean liner Lorraine, running from Harve, France, to New York, while becalmed on the southeast part of Georges in a dense fog on Saturday morning.

The news was brought by Police Officer Herman R. Joyce, who spent his vacation in the schooner and as his time had expired he found it necessary to be transferred to the sch. Lorraine, which was inward bound and which arrived here Monday.

The Diana is one of the seining fleet, and on Saturday morning the craft was hidden by a fog almost thick enough to cut with a knife. All hands were on deck, when suddenly a steamer's whistle was heard bearing east. The horn on the Diana was kept constantly in operation, but the whistle of the steamer gradually came nearer and nearer, and finally the great black hulk burst forth from the veil of fog, headed directly for the Diana amid ships.

It seemed as if nothing could avert a terrible accident, when, like a race-horse, the ocean monster swerved from her course. The captain of the liner had caught a glimpse of the schooner just in time to save cutting the latter vessel down, which would have probably resulted in loss of life on the Diana. The steamer's course, however, was not changed sufficiently for her to pass clear of the schooner, for the vessel's bowsprit was struck and sprung and the iron cap was worn down by the friction with the iron sides of the steamer for nearly a half an inch, and looked as if it had been ground by a grindstone.

The crew of the Diana realized the seriousness of the situation, and before the steamer had reached the vessel, several of the fishermen had cast off a dory and a seine boat in order that escape might be made by themselves and the remainder of the crew.

An officer on the steamer was heard to cry "All right," indicating that he realized that no damage had been done, and that the steamer's assistance was not needed. Consequently the liner continued on her way.

Police Officer Joyce was interviewed by a TIMES representative this morning and said:

"Well, I came pretty near not being here. It certainly was a close shave, and I would not be over anxious to take similar chances again. It seems almost incredible that a big steamer could graze our vessel the way that one did, but it's a fact for I was an eye witness. When the steamer came out of the fog it seemed that no human power could prevent a terrible collision, and had the captain of the steamer acted a few seconds later, it probably would have been all up with the Diana.

"It was a fascinating sight, however, and as the huge craft tore by I stood almost spell bound. It was a grand and terrible sight. It did my heart good to see the way those fishermen prepare for any emergency. As quick as lightning the seine boat towing astern had been cut off, a dory also had been unhitched, and one of the crew had even boarded the boat and was ready at the oars to pull away with a dory load of mates to escape the maelstrom that would follow the sinking of the schooner.

"I have a souvenir of the incident which I prize very highly, a piece of black paint from the steamer's side was scraped off by the bowsprit."